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HIGGINBOTTOM ET AL. : Group Art Unit: 2621  
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In response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2004 (January 30, 2005 having been a Sunday), please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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